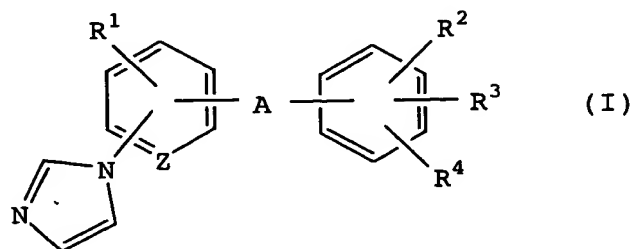


### Abstract of the Disclosure

The MAG expression promoter of the present invention contains a compound of the formula (I)



5 wherein each symbol is as defined in the specification,  
an optically active form thereof or a pharmaceutically  
acceptable salt thereof. As a compound of the formula  
(I), 4-[α-hydroxy-5-(1-imidazolyl)-2-methylbenzyl]-3,5-  
dimethylbenzoic acid is exemplified. The MAG expression  
10 promoter of the present invention is useful as an agent  
for the prophylaxis and/or treatment of a disease of  
mammals inclusive of human, which mainly presents  
hypomyelination, further, dysmyelination or  
demyelination.